

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1. (Original) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising the nucleotide sequence of nucleotides 451-914 of SEQ ID NO:1.

Claim 2. Canceled.

Claim 3. (Original) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 1, comprising the nucleotide sequence of nucleotides 914-957 of SEQ ID NO:1.

Claim 4. (Original) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 1, comprising the nucleotide sequence of nucleotides 1-1141 of SEQ ID NO:1.

Claim 5. (Currently Amended) A nucleic acid vector comprising the isolated nucleic acid molecule of ~~claim 1~~ any of claims 1, 3 and 4.

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Claim 6. (Currently Amended) The vector of claim 5 further comprising a reporter gene operably linked to the isolated nucleic acid molecule of ~~claim 1~~.

Claim 7. (Original) The vector of claim 6, wherein the reporter gene is selected from the group consisting of β -lactamase, chloramphenicol acetyltransferase (CAT), adenosine deaminase (ADA), aminoglycoside phosphotransferase (neor, G418r), dihydrofolate reductase (DHFR), hygromycin-B-phosphotransferase (HPH), thymidine kinase (TK), lacZ (encoding β -galactosidase), and xanthine guanine phosphoribosyltransferase (XGPRT).

Claim 8. (Original) The vector of claim 7, wherein the vector is a plasmid.

Claim 9. (Original) The vector of claim 7, wherein the vector is a virus.

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Claim 10. (Original) The vector of claim 9, wherein the virus is a retrovirus.

Claim 11. (Original) A host cell comprising the vector of claim 5.

Claim 12. (Original) A host cell comprising the vector of claim 6.

Claims 13-16. Withdrawn.

Claim 17. Canceled.

Claim 18. Withdrawn
